

FOIA Request Letter

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To: Scoville, Ryan <ryan.scoville@marquette.edu>;

Thank you for filing your FOIA request online on 3/10/2016. Here is a review of your request.

The records I request can be described as follows:

Section 302 of the Foreign Service Act of 1980 permits the President to confer the personal rank of ambassador or minister on an individual in certain circumstances, but "only if, prior to such conferral, he transmits to the Committee on Foreign Relations of the Senate a written report setting forth--(I) the necessity for conferring such rank, (II) the dates during which such rank will be held, (III) the justification for not submitting the proposed conferral of personal rank to the Senate as a nomination for advance and consent to appointment, and (IV) all relevant information concerning any potential conflict of interest which the proposed recipient of such personal rank may have with regard to the special mission." 22 U.S.C. § 3942(a)(2)(B). I would like to request all of the reports the President has submitted to the Senate Foreign Relations Committee pursuant to this statute, from the inception of the reporting requirement in 1980 to the date of this request.

The time period of my request is from 10/17/1980 to present

I am affiliated with an educational or noncommercial scientific institution seeking information for a scholarly or scientific purpose and not for commercial use.

Additional documentation will be required.

I am willing to pay \$1000 for my request.

I request a waiver of all fees for this request.

Reason: I am requesting the specified records for the purpose of academic research. Specifically, I will use the records to conduct a historical analysis of executive appointment practices in the realm of U.S. foreign relations, and will publish the results in an academic journal.

My additional comments are as follows:

N/A

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Exhibit A